

## **WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**COMMITTEE: HEALTH SERVICES**

**DATE: MARCH 15, 2013**

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**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: OTHERS PRESENT:**

SUPERVISORS SOKOL  
CONOVER  
FRASIER  
TAYLOR  
MCDEVITT

KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD  
PAUL DUSEK, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR  
JOAN SADY, CLERK OF THE BOARD  
FRANK E. THOMAS, BUDGET OFFICER  
SUPERVISORS KENNY  
LOEB  
MASON  
MONTESI  
STRAINER  
WOOD  
DON LEHMAN, *THE POST STAR*  
CHARLENE DiRESTA, SR. LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST

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Mr. Sokol called the meeting of the Health Services Committee to order at 9:34 a.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. McDevitt and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the previous Committee meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

Mr. Sokol announced that Barbara Taggart, Administrator of Westmount Health Facility, had tendered her resignation effective March 29, 2013. He said the purpose of this meeting was to appoint a new Administrator. He advised it was necessary to enter into an executive session to discuss matters leading to the appointment of a particular person.

Motion was made by Mrs. Frasier, seconded by Mr. McDevitt and carried unanimously that executive session be declared pursuant to Section 105 (f) of the Public Officers Law.

Executive session was declared from 9:35 a.m. to 9:56 a.m.

The Committee reconvened.

Pursuant to the executive session, Mr. Sokol requested a motion to appoint Lloyd Cote as the Administrator of Westmount Health Facility with an annual salary of \$90,000 and four weeks vacation. Paul Dusek, County Administrator, said the appointment would be contingent upon a background check and New York State Department of Health (NYS DOH) approval, if necessary. Mr. Dusek stated a salary study had been completed and the salary was consistent with that of Livingston, Saratoga and Washington Counties, as well as Tri-County Nursing Home. He opined the County was fortunate to find a suitable Administrator on such short notice, as filling the position through an agency would have been costly.

Motion was made by Mr. McDevitt, seconded by Mr. Conover and carried unanimously to appoint Lloyd Cote as Administrator of Westmount Health Facility at an annual salary of \$90,000 with four weeks vacation, contingent upon a background check and NYS DOH approval, if necessary. *The necessary resolution was authorized for the March 15, 2013 Board meeting.*

Mr. Dusek apprised there was an urgent situation at Westmount Health Facility which required immediate attention. He reminded the Committee members of past issues with nursing agencies.

He said Kylene Baker, Director of Nursing, had suggested securing an Agency Nurse to be used by the Facility on a consistent as needed basis, primarily to fill in for evening Registered Nurse (RN) Supervisors. He suggested an agreement with Nursefinders, LLC for a term of thirty days which could be renewed for an additional thirty days term as needed. He noted this agreement would assist the Facility in addressing the current situation with vacant RN positions. He said Ms. Baker had estimated a savings of a few thousand dollars over the course of a month.

Motion was made by Mr. Conover, seconded by Mr. Taylor and carried unanimously to authorize an agreement with Nursefinders, LLC, an AMN Healthcare, Inc. Company, to provide a Registered Nurse at Westmount Health Facility for a term of thirty days, commencing on a date to be identified by the Director of Nursing, and at the option of the County, renewing for additional thirty day terms as needed, for an amount not to exceed \$60.50 per hour, for a total shift amount not to exceed \$484, in a form approved by the County Attorney. *The necessary resolution was authorized for the March 15, 2013 Board meeting.*

As there was no further business to come before the Health Services Committee, on motion made by Mr. Conover and seconded by Mrs. Frasier, Mr. Sokol adjourned the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Charlene DiResta, Sr. Legislative Office Specialist